

***Army Uniform Policy  
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# *Major Changes*

- **Policy Changes**

- Body Piercing
- Tattoos

- **Wear Changes**

- Black Beret
- Elimination of Green Service Cap/Hat
- IPFU
- Black and White Unisex Cardigans
- Nametapes on Gortex parka
- Wear of the 10th award
- Class A uniform changes; possession and wearout dates
- BDU starching; military creases
- Combat Patch Authorized for Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF)
- Change to specification of female blues/whites coat
- Wear of v-neck t-shirt or camisole (females)



# *Body Piercing Policy*

- No attaching, affixing, or displaying objects, articles, jewelry or ornamentation to or through the skin, in uniform or civilian clothes, on or off duty, on any Army installation or other places under Army control (includes earrings for males). ***The only exception:*** females are authorized to wear prescribed earrings with service, dress, and mess uniforms, IAW para 1-14c, AR 670-1.
  - When wearing earrings with civilian clothes on duty, females must comply with the provisions of para 1-14c, unless otherwise authorized by the commander.
  - There are no restrictions on the wear of earrings by females when they are off duty, on or off post.
  - **OTJAG legal review:** the term "skin" is NOT confined to external skin, but includes skin inside the mouth, to include the skin of the tongue.



# *Tattoo Policy*

- (1). Tattoos or brands that are visible in a class A uniform (worn with slacks/trousers) are prohibited.
- (2). Tattoos or brands that are extremist, indecent, sexist, or racist are prohibited, regardless of location on the body, as they are prejudicial to good order and discipline within units.
- (3). Existing tattoos or brands on the hands that are not extremist, indecent, sexist, or racist, but are visible in the class A uniform (worn with slacks/trousers) are authorized FOR CURRENT SOLDIERS ONLY. This “grandfather” provision DOES NOT APPLY TO SOLDIERS ENLISTING AS OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS REGULATION.

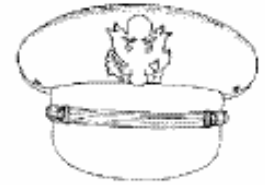
# *Black Beret - Standard Army Headgear*



- Implementation: 14 June 2001
  - issued to all soldiers - enlisted and officer
  - second beret fielded to all active units and mobilized Reserve component units
- Standard headgear for utility and service uniforms
  - BDU Cap: work details; field; initial training; commander decides
  - Garrison Cap: initial training
  - Service cap: honor guards; bands
- Proper wear: 1 inch above eyebrow; flash over left eye; fold to right front excess draped over right side, down to top of ear; dip behind flash
  - Leaders need to enforce proper wear
    - one year later - many Soldiers still don't wear it properly ☹

# *Elimination of Green Service Cap/Hat*

- Soldiers will no longer purchase or wear the male Army green service cap (also called the saucer cap) or the female green service hat (also called the pot hat).



- Officers are no longer required to purchase the cap upon commissioning
  - Elimination due to infrequent wear and associated costs of maintenance
- Worn only when issued per Table 4, CTA 50-900 – i.e., bands, honor guards
- Blue and white service caps/hats still prescribed for wear with blue and white dress and mess uniforms

# *Improved Physical Fitness Uniform (IPFU)*

- Issued in IET - all other soldiers must purchase
  - Mandatory possession date: 1 Oct 03
- Components: short and long-sleeved t-shirt, trunks, running pants, jacket; no restriction on combination of components, unless prescribed for formations, unit PT
- Wear:
  - on and off duty when engaged in PT, on and off post, if authorized
  - in transit between quarters and duty station
  - may wear all or part off post when authorized
  - shirt tucked inside the trunks, when worn as complete uniform
- Commanders must expect both PT uniforms in formation until all acquire IPFU



# Cardigan Sweaters

## Black and White Cardigan Sweaters

- Optional purchase items
- May wear buttoned or unbuttoned indoors; outdoors must be buttoned, except when pregnant
- May wear with civilian attire (must remove rank)
- Black cardigan:
  - worn w/class B uniform; no tie required when worn
  - may wear collar in or outside of sweater
  - no nameplate; shoulder marks for rank required



- White cardigan:
  - worn w/food service and hospital uniforms only
  - food service managers wear black unisex cardigan
  - no nameplate or rank
  - uniform collar worn outside sweater, so rank shows
  - food service personnel may not wear white cardigan when preparing food





# *Gortex Parka*

## Nametapes and Rank on Gortex Parka

- Mandatory on the Gortex parka
- Nametape:
  - 1/2-inch wide, 3-1/2 inches long, 1/4-inch block letters
  - can accommodate up to 14 characters
  - worn on left parka sleeve flap, 1/4-inch from bottom of flap, centered left to right
- Rank:
  - cloth rank insignia tab or pin-on rank
  - worn on front tab of parka
  - tab is sewn closed; Velcro tabs not authorized
  - For CLI, pin-on rank, or BDU cloth rank insignia sewn on CLI

# *Wear of the 10<sup>th</sup> Award*

- Previously: could show 9th and 11th awards:
  - 9th: 3 bronze, 1 silver
  - 11th: 2 silver
- No way to show 10<sup>th</sup>
  - only 4 devices authorized
  - would require 4 bronze, 1 silver
- New procedure
  - add second ribbon immediately after first ribbon
  - second ribbon counts as one award
  - when subsequent awards reduce clusters to fit on one ribbon, remove second ribbon





# *Other Uniform Changes*

## **Class A Uniform Changes**

- AG 415 Shirt – Changed as of 1 Oct 99
  - Males: new shirt has pleated pockets and stand-up collar
  - Females: new shirt has princess pleats; issue shirt is tuck-in style
    - some females still wearing old “bust dart” style
      - ✓ overblouse now an optional purchase item
- Class A Uniform Shade Change (AG 489/491)
  - Males changed as of 1 Oct 99
  - Females have until 1 Oct 03 to acquire uniform in new shade, with new style slacks and skirt
    - extension resulted from shortages (due to manufacturing problems)
      - ✓ Female belt worn opposite of males: tip is to wearer’s right



# *Other Uniform Changes*

- **BDUs**

- military creases authorized (not for field jacket)
- starching authorized
  - commanders cannot require soldiers to starch BDU
  - soldiers not reimbursed for damage from starching

- **AG 415 Shirt**

- military creases authorized
- starching not authorized (manufacturer care label)

- **Female dress blues and whites**

- Aug 92, specification for coat changed to that of class A coat
  - insignia worn the same as on class A coat (two and two)
- no wearout date for old old style coat; wear until unserviceable
  - insignia worn as prescribed in AR 670-1 (one and one)

- **Wear of Camisole or White V-Neck T-Shirt (Females)**

- v-neck okay with all uniforms, except those requiring a brown t-shirt
- camisole okay under all uniforms, but must not be visible



# *Other Uniform Changes*

- **Shoulder Sleeve Insignia – Former Wartime Service (combat patch)**
  - Operation Enduring Freedom
    - authorized for the CENTCOM area of responsibility (AOR)
    - ARCENT further designated countries within the AOR
      - ✓ Afghanistan, Pakistan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan
  - Soldiers must meet all criteria for wear
    - SecArmy or higher declaration of hazardous environment or Congressional Declaration of War
    - Operation must last 30 days or more; waiver may be granted
    - Soldiers must participate in or actively support ground combat operations against hostile forces in which they are exposed to threat of enemy action or fire, either directly or indirectly
      - ✓ Cdr “on the ground” determines eligibility for unit, not HQDA
      - ✓ CSA approves all requests for SSI-FWTS
- **Overseas Bars authorized**
  - 6 months federal service required; may combine periods from other authorized operations to determine number of bars to wear



# *Wearout Dates*

Male AG 344 Service Uniform (without pleats)	30 Sep 99
AG 415 Shirt, old styles, M/F	30 Sep 99
Female Size Insignia (Service uniform)	31 Aug 00
Cardigan, old style, M/F	30 Sep 00
All weather black coat, unbelted	30 Sep 01
Female AG 344 Service Uniform	30 Sep 03
Physical Fitness Uniform (PFU)	30 Sep 03
Black Mess Uniform (Female Officers)	30 Sep 03

Old Style Female Blues Jacket	None (until unserviceable)
Hot Weather BDUs w/side tabs	None (until unserviceable)
Green Jungle Boots	None (until unserviceable)
Black oxford, female, moccasin	None (until unserviceable)
Black oxford shoe, male	None (until unserviceable)
OG 408 Green Socks	None (until unserviceable)



# *Mandatory Possession Dates*

Insignia, small or large	1 Sep 00
Male Service Uniform, AG 489	1 Oct 00
AG 415 Shirts, new styles, M/F	1 Oct 00
Enhanced hot weather BDU	1 Oct 00
Double-breasted overcoat, 65/35 poly/cotton	1 Oct 01
IPFU	1 Oct 03
Female Service Uniform, AG 489, w/new style slacks/skirt	1 Oct 03



# *Future of AR 670-1*

- **Style Of Revision**

- Conversion to electronic format; links embedded in text, for immediate access to referenced paragraphs and figures
  - available in .pdf, .xml formats
- No paper copies – users must download and print from .pdf
- Future changes to regulation – incorporated directly into text
  - date of change becomes overall date of regulation
  - users must read History Statement to see what changes are posted

- **Future Design**

- Dependent upon lowest level of technology in the field
- Ideal: digitization, interactive format, live model photographs, streaming video